

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10, and add new claims 11-26 as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A pneumatic tire comprising:

a plurality of grooves formed on a tread portion; and

a plurality of blocks divided by the grooves, wherein

a ratio of a block facing length c to a width b of the groove c/b is

in a range of $0.50 \leq c/b \leq 1.30$, where the block facing length c is a length of a shorter line segment obtained by selecting a pair of blocks adjacent to each other across a groove from a plan view of the tread portion, drawing perpendicular lines from two vertices of one block on a side of a sandwiched groove to other block across the sandwiched groove, respectively, connecting ends of the perpendicular lines by a line segment along an outer circumference of the block, and comparing a length of the line segment between the blocks.

12. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein

the ratio of the block facing length c to the width b of the groove

c/b is in a range of $1.00 \leq c/b \leq 1.30$.

13. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein
a ratio of the block facing length c to a depth a of the groove c/a
is in a range of $0.40 \leq c/a \leq 0.85$.

14. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 13, wherein
the ratio of the block facing length c to the depth a of the groove
 c/a is in a range of $0.60 \leq c/a \leq 0.80$.

15. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, further
comprising:
at least three lines of a block array formed with a plurality of the
blocks arranged in a tire circumferential direction.

16. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein
the groove includes an inclined groove that is inclined with
respect to a tire circumferential direction, and
a substantially net-shaped tread pattern is formed on the tread
portion.

17. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 16, wherein
an angle of inclination of the inclined groove is in a range
between 30 degrees and 60 degrees.

18. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein
a ratio of a depth a and the width b of the groove b/a is in a range
of $0.6 \leq b/a \leq 0.8$.

19. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein
a protrusion for suppressing a foreign-object drilling is formed in
a bottom of the groove.

20. (New) A pneumatic tire comprising:
a plurality of grooves formed on a tread portion; and
a plurality of blocks divided by the grooves, wherein
a ratio of a block facing length c to a depth a of the groove c/a is
in a range of $0.40 \leq c/a \leq 0.85$, where the block facing length c is a length of a shorter
line segment obtained by selecting a pair of blocks adjacent to each other across a
groove from a plan view of the tread portion, drawing perpendicular lines from two
vertices of one block on a side of a sandwiched groove to other block across the
sandwiched groove, respectively, connecting ends of the perpendicular lines by a line
segment along an outer circumference of the block, and comparing a length of the line
segment between the blocks.

21. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein
the ratio of the block facing length c to the depth a of the groove
 c/a is in a range of $0.60 \leq c/a \leq 0.80$.

22. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, further comprising:
at least three lines of a block array formed with a plurality of the blocks arranged in a tire circumferential direction.
23. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein the groove includes an inclined groove that is inclined with respect to a tire circumferential direction, and
a substantially net-shaped tread pattern is formed on the tread portion.
24. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 23, wherein an angle of inclination of the inclined groove is in a range between 30 degrees and 60 degrees.
25. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein a ratio of the depth a and a width b of the groove b/a is in a range of $0.6 \leq b/a \leq 0.8$.
26. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein a protrusion for suppressing a foreign-object drilling is formed in a bottom of the groove.